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tell us that the more opportunities you have the more you will do certain things, and one of them is gambling. So if you make it rare and difficult (inaudible) to do, there will be certainly some people that will do that, but if you put it in every bar or every lounge or every restaurant, as Senator Schimek mentioned, why, in fact, you'll have more gambling, not less. Gambling goes up on the basis of availability, which is one of the reasons I'm happy not to have it very available. My problem is how do I show respect for the question of Native American sovereignty and the issue of economic development on Indian lands when, of course, there is almost no economic development on Indian lands. Here's where I am at the moment, so you'll know. At the moment, I'm going to vote against LR 6CA, even though I voted to pull it from committee, on this theory. Every form or expansion of gambling but one has been done by the petition process, by the public telling us they want gambling, which is fine by me. If the public wants it, that's okay. I just don't want to do it for them. I want them to do the heavy lifting, not me. I mean if they want to put a gun to their head, okay. I just don't want to hand them the gun, you know? And when we change our rules to expand gambling it is my understanding, and I could be wrong, that there will be a bootstrapping mechanism by which that gambling would be available on Native American lands. If that's the case then what the public has before it, which is their own derived choices to consider, they also have the issue of Native American gaming on the ballot in the form...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...of the in...I mean you can't set a rule for everybody but the Indian lands. When we do that, it would also affect the Indian lands gaming as well. That's my understanding. I could be wrong. So I think those...both issues get collapsed at the same time. I think I show respect for the sovereignty of Native American peoples because we will, this year, have votes of the people that will affect their opportunities and I don't have to help that happen. It's going to happen on its own. Which means, I think, I get to do the vote that I'm going to do in the ballot box when I vote, which will be vote no, but I'll also get it under this context, which